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SUBJECT: AMCIT CHARLES M. DEAN

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1. BOATMAN MENTIONED REFTELS WAS QUESTIONED AT LENGTH BY L/JCRC ON JANUARY 23 AND 24. HE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED TWO YOUTHS DETAINED BY PATHET LAO ON SEPTEMBER 6 AT HINBOUN AS CHARLES DEAN AND NEIL SHARMAN.

2. YOUTHS DEPARTED PAKADING (VIENTIANE SIDE) AT 1400 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 5, AFTER BEING ISSUED TRAVEL PERMITS BY VIENTIANE SIDE POLICE. AT PAKADING (PATHET LAO SIDE) YOUTHS WERE REQUESTED BY PL GUARDS TO SURRENDER THEIR CAMERAS. THEY REFUSED SO PL GUARD BOARDED BOAT, TOOK CAMERAS INTO HIS CUSTODY, AND ACCOMPANIED BOYS ON TRIP TO HINBOUN. BOAT ARRIVED HINBOUN 1000 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 6, AND ALL PASSENGERS (APPROXIMATELY 15) DEBARKED FOR DOCUMENT CHECK BY PL GUARDS. ON COMPLETION OF DOCUMENT CHECK PASSENGERS, EXCEPT DEAN AND SHARMAN, RETURNED TO BOAT AND BOATMAN WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE JOURNEY TO THAKHEK.

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BOATMAN THINKS BOYS WERE DETAINED BECAUSE THEY WERE CARRYING CAMERAS; BOATMAN HAS OFTEN CARRIED FOREIGNERS OVER SAME ROUTE AND NO OTHERS HAVE EVER BEEN DETAINED. NONE HAD CAMERA.

3. BOATMAN'S DESCRIPTION OF YOUTHS TALLIES WITH DESCRIPTIONS PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY BY ESCAPEES. AT CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION, HE WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF BOTH AND UNHESITATINGLY IDENTIFIED EACH. WE WILL DRAW ON BOATMAN'S STATEMENTS IN ANOTHER LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTRY PROVIDING DETAILS OF DEAN/SHARMAN TRAVELS (SEPTEMBER 5-6) AND DETENTION AT HINBOUN.

4. PLEASE PASS FOREGOING TO HOWARD DEAN.
WHITEHOUSE

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